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1. It is claimed that the collecting point for all ores from Oberschlema, Niederschlema, Johanngeorgenstadt, and Annaberg is Schneeberg-Neustadel. Ores are delivered to that place at five-day intervals and are packed and very roughly sorted there. The amount of ore delivered is between 100 and 200 German tons every five days. Rough sorting consists of the following: The ore is delivered in series from the various mines. The series are then mixed, cut down to transportable size, inspected, and a test is taken from each group. Five kilograms of material are usually tested.
2. The test material is divided into three parts which go to the following laboratories: one part to a laboratory in Aue, which consists entirely of Russian personnel; one to a laboratory in Oberschlema, which also consists of Russian personnel; and one to the Weisser Hirsch laboratory in Schneeberg, which consists of German personnel. The results of all three laboratories' analyses are supposed to agree before the material is sent off to Russia. The laboratory in Schneeberg works in three shifts with two German girls to a shift.
3. The Chief of "Object 3", which controls five to six shifts in Schneeberg, is Russian Major Vishorev. Source estimates that about 3,500 workers were engaged during March 1948 in the operations involved in "Object 3". The Himmelfahrt Mine in Freiberg employs approximately 450 workers.
4. There were complaints during March concerning the decrease in food supplies in the uranium area. Supplementary Card No. 4 had been taken away, and it was understood that all other supplementary cards were to be abrogated.

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